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## HAVE YOU ENTERED INTO YOUR INHERITANCE?

"This same Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

"Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Acts 2:32, 33.

"The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

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## The Blessed Seventh of Romans.

This blessed chapter portrays both the deepest experience of our fallen state by nature and the grandest and highest purpose of God in the crowning blessing of Redemption.

Let us first look at the former experience in the light of St. Paul's revealed testimony in regard to it. "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" This is the heartfelt utterance of every soul who recognizes for the first time its sad state of captivity under the three laws revealed in this chapter. 1st. Our condemnation under the holy law of God, on account of our inability to meet its requirements through the working of a second law, unnamed, (but probably that of cause and effect) which consciously brings us into captivity to a third law, or the law of habit, even the law of sin in our members. No wonder he utters this despairing cry, "Oh, wretched man, who shall deliver me?" so soon, praise God, to be exchanged for that pean of rejoicing, "I thank God through Jesus Christ my Lord."

But how is this wonderful change effected? Through the bringing in of a fourth law, strong to effect this wondrous transformation, with the result that God's holy law—impossible previously—can now be really fulfilled in those who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

This fourth law is revealed, not as a command or even a promise, but as St. Paul's glad experience and testimony "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ *hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*" Set free from the law of sin, thank God, but what of the sin that dwelleth in me? Oh! *that* also is dealt with, for instead of "It is not I, but sin that dwelleth in me;" it is now "Not I, but Christ that liveth in me"—two blessed deliverances in our Christian experience, delivered both from sin and from the law of sin. But as God's works always go in threes, there is a third deliverance mentioned in this blessed chapter, so often quoted of old to teach the continuance and domination of sin during life, for the fifth verse actually speaks of "the flesh" as a thing of the past; this "For when we *were* in the flesh the motions of sin, which were by the law did work in our members to bring forth sin unto death;" but now we are delivered from that law, a deliverance confirmed by God's statement that "Ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." But we have not yet exhausted the blessings of this wonderful chapter, when its crowning experience is "*Ye are become dead* to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to Him that was raised from the dead that ye should *bring forth fruit* unto God," a result to take place now and here in this world, and utterly impossible till this Divine union is effected.

Still again we have the "carnal *sold* under sin" annulled by redemption, "be transformed by the renewing of that mind"—a renewal "in the spirit of His mind." Rom. 12:2 and Eph. 4:23, while the sad plaint "the good that I would I do not," exchanged by "it is God that worketh in me both to *will* and to *do* of His good pleasure, through the putting away of the "old man" even Christ in us the hope of glory; and the *hope* of glory in the future *commenced* even now by the inward man being "renewed day by day," until "we all beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory as by the Lord the Spirit." God's purpose for all

His children, if they "follow on to know the Lord" and "follow Him fully," knowing that it is only the overcomer (not those who are overcome) who inherit the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Satan has from the first endeavored to deprive Christians of this reward and the present experience of "glory unto glory" by denying the possibility of such blessed experiences in this life, but when through Christ's faithfulness and their perseverance they have obtained these blessings, and so enjoy shadowless communion, he induces the thought that there is no possibility of temptation in this "newness of life," which thought led many Christians of old into "sinless perfectionism," who, ceasing to watch, were lured into Antinomianism, and fell away by not taking heed to God's warnings to those who had put on the "new man."

"Lie not one to another brethren, seeing ye have put off the old man and put on the new man." In this one verse the Spirit endorses the fact of such a blessed experience and the danger of not being on the watch against Satan's *wiles*, a far more dangerous thing than his "shafts" of which we hope to write another time. Why does God permit these recurring temptations to the advancing soul is the oft times sad question. Because we have not yet gone on into perfection and this trying of our faith worketh patience that we may become perfect and entire, lacking nothing, so as to obtain the hundredfold reward in the coming glory.

Recognizing the reason for temptation in every stage of growth and God's promise and power to keep us through faith unto full salvation, we can then and then only count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations and also glory in tribulation; and being filled with the Spirit speaking to yourselves (not in murmuring and repining), but in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, and giving thanks always for all things;" this giving thanks for *all* things, even trying things to faith and patience, being the last and most blessed fruit of the Spirit; and the one which causes the sweetest joy to the heart of Jesus, as well as to ourselves. For "for *His pleasure* we are and were created; and this blessed and highest privilege of ministering to His joy, even in this life, grows in our hearts, as we know Him more and more in what He is in Himself, until it becomes the deepest and strongest motive in our hearts and the predominating desire and power in our lives, as Miss Havergal writes

"Made for Thyself Oh God,  
Made for Thy love, Thy service, Thy delight.  
Made to show forth Thy wisdom, grace and might.  
Made for Thy praise whom veiled angels laud;  
Oh strange and glorious thought that I may be  
A joy to Thee."

—F. R. H.

while, Christ's blessed response to our God-given desire that we may be a joy to Him, our beloved Saviour and coming Bridegroom is given in the following lines:

### "A GREAT MYSTERY."

"Fear not, beloved, thou art Mine,  
For I have given My life for thee;  
By name I call thee, rise and shine,  
Be praise and glory unto Me."

"In Me all spotless and complete.  
And in My comeliness most fair  
Art thou; to Me thy voice is sweet,  
Prevailing in thy feeblest prayer.

"Thy life is hid in God with Me.  
I stoop to dwell within thy breast;  
My joy for ever thou shalt be,  
And in My love for thee I rest.

"O Prince's daughter, whom I see  
In bridal garments pure as light,  
Betrothed for ever unto Me,  
On thee My own New Name I write."

F. R. H.

E. C. Duncan.

### PRESENT DAY EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.

Our lives should give to the world daily evidence that Christ has risen from the dead, by our acting as we would not otherwise act, unless the Living Christ abode within us; dominating our minds, inspiring our wills, and prompting our actions.

We have, with unveiled face, beheld the glory of the Lord, and we have the evidence of things not seen. Unto us it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matt. 13:11.) The veil that hides the unseen and eternal from the natural man has been lifted, and revelations have been made to us by the Spirit of God, giving us knowledge, and we apprehend the glory of God, and we have been transformed from glory to glory. (2 Cor. 3:18. R. V.)

(Thus we have a new nature, different from the rest of the world. Our disposition is to do good: we have a heart of good-will toward all men. The fashion of our countenance has been changed from discontent, malice, envy, jealousy and unsatisfied longing, to a deep peace, quiet enjoyment of life, and a kindly affectionate interest in our fellows. We rejoice with others in that which they enjoy. We rejoice to see our brethren appreciated; holding each other in high esteem; and in love serving one another.)

Our light shines. The Light of the world is Jesus. He said "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Christ within us is visibly manifested, our spirit is the Spirit of Christ. (Matt. 5:16; Luke 12:35.)

Our love for God is known by those around us, in various ways. Some of which are, by our absolute fidelity to His teachings and commandments, we cleave to His Word: we claim His offerings: we are clearly the recipients of His glorious promises, God demonstrates to the world that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. We do not reject the Lord Jesus as our Brother and King, nor God as our heavenly Father, nor disbelieve His glorious promises, that we overcoming shall sit down with Jesus in His throne, and reign with Him kings and priests unto our God. (Rev. 3:21.) We know that God the Father, and the Son make their abode with us, and that they dwell and walk in us. (John 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:16.)

For us to live is Christ. (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20.) We are dead, as much as we know how to die. In our place Christ inhabits our body, and lives a life which is pleasing to Himself—the Highest lives in our abandoned habitation.

The Risen Christ and His follower form a dual personality. Our desires are the desires of the Christ, and yet they are ours. (Psalms 37:4.) Our acts are the acts of the Christ, and yet they are ours. Our thoughts emanate from the mind of Christ, and yet they are our

thoughts. (1 Cor. 2:16.) Men cannot fail to see and recognize that we are different from the rest of the world. The only explanation of the difference is the Risen Living Christ, there is no other possible explanation.

The spirit within us testifies of Christ: it is a continual testimony to every honest heart; a revelation of the Risen Christ, for we are Christlike in thought, word, deed, and look.

It is not necessary to testify in words "Christ liveth within me" as our constant earnest endeavor is to testify to it in every possible way.

We are attractive, at first, to all, especially the young. There is a drawing power, which is the Spirit of Christ within us. (John 6:44.) People want to talk to us. It is only when they begin to resist the overtures of the Spirit of God that they will no longer desire our company (Luke 6:22) and we will begin to become a savour of death unto death, a constant reminder to them of a fearful judgment to come.

What a privilege is ours! To reincarnate the Saviour of mankind, and represent Him to them in the flesh. (1 John 4:2.) How we should honor the saints sanctified by the indwelling Christ! Do we need eyesalve to anoint our eyes to enable us to see the Christ? Do we not know Him? (Rev. 3:18; 2 Peter 1:19.) The Lord is in His Holy Temples. The Temples are Holy. (1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16.) Holy people are in a different class to the rest of the world. While our orders are to do good to all men, we are specially commissioned to do good to the Household of Faith. (Gal. 6:10.) Some assemblies seem to make a speciality of being good to sinners, but are somewhat indifferent towards some of the saints. This should not be. It is not the Lord's will.

May our Lord never sadly have to say to us:

"I stood in the midst of the world, and in the flesh was I seen of them; and I found all men drunken; and none found I athirst among them; and my soul grieveth over the sons of men because they are blind in their hearts."

He is still walking this earth hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison, and many know Him not. (Matt. 25:43.) The least of His brethren, is His brother, because he has partaken of the Passover Lamb, has eaten His flesh, and drunk His blood, and now hath the life of the Son of God within him, the present day evidence, to every honest heart, that the Lord Jesus was the Christ, and that God raised Him from the dead. (1 Cor. 5:7; John 6:53-56; 1 John 5:12.)—Evangelist Walter J. Mortlock.

### "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD."

Psa. 46:10.

Strive to see God in all things without exception, and acquiesce in His will with absolute submission. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him by a mere upward glance, or by the overflowing of your heart towards Him. Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom. Whatsoever happens, abide steadfast in a determination to cling simply to God, trusting to His eternal love for you; and if you find that you have wandered forth from His shelter, recall your heart quickly and simply. Maintain a holy simplicity of mind, and do not smother yourself with a host of cares, wishes or longings, under any pretext.—Francis de Sales.

## OUTLINE OF BOOK OF REVELATION

I have felt led to make a few observations on the Book of Revelation, including an outline of the Book, by which our readers and younger preachers may intelligently read the Book.

Note First, the Book is not called "Revelations" in the plural as so many people call it, but it is in the singular—"Revelation." We should use the word in the singular in conversation and preaching.

Note second, that it is not intended to be something concealed, hid or covered up, but an uncovering, a bringing to light, a real revelation.

Note third, that it is "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," (1:1.) The subject of the Book, then, is Jesus Christ, His unfolding in several ways which are clearly set forth in the Book.

(1) He is revealed therein in a three-fold way as to time: (a) "which was," past time; (b) "which is," present time—from the time of the writing by John; (c) "which is to come," future time—from the time of John.

(2) Christ is revealed: (a) in His relation to the churches; (b) in His relation to the great tribulation; (c) in His relation to the coming Messianic Kingdom.

(3) Christ is revealed: (a) in His office of High Priest; (b) in His office as Bridegroom; (c) in His office as Judge and King.

The Book is a prophecy (1:3), and a blessing is promised upon those who read, who hear, who keep the things written in the Book. Even in John's day the "Time was at hand" for the beginning of the fulfilment of the prophecy, and it is all the more "at hand" with us in this day, for the coming to pass of the larger part of the things written therein are just ahead of us. God help us to read it, then, with the blessing upon our heads which the Lord Himself has promised.

The Book is divided by its own language into three main parts, and we outline the Book on this inspired basis revealed in the Book, 1:19.

### OUTLINE OF THE BOOK.

#### I. The things which Thou hast seen—"Things Past," Rev. 1:1-20.

1. Introduction, vs. 1-3.
2. Salutation to the churches, vs. 4-8.
3. The vision seen on Patmos, vs. 9-18.
4. Explanation with command to write, vs. 19-20.

#### II. The things which are or Christ's relation to the seven churches, 2:1-3:22, Chaps. 2 and 3.

1. Christ's message to the Ephesian Church that had left its just love, 2:1-7.
2. Christ's message to the persecuted church, the church of Smyrna, 2:8-11.
3. Christ's message to Pergamos, the church dwelling in the world where Satan has his throne, 2:12-17.
4. Christ's message to Thyatira, the church joined to worldliness and ruled over by priestly bosses, 2:18-29. The overcoming remnant, vs. 24-28.
5. Christ's message to Sardis, the church practically dead, the church exhorted to repent and reform—the period of reformation, 3:1-6.
6. Christ's message to Philadelphia, the church of brotherly love, the true church to be kept from the hour of trial, the great tribulation, 3:7-13.
7. Christ's message to Laodicea, the backslidden church, most of which is to be spued out of His mouth, 3:14-22. Verses 20-22 show Christ's attitude and relation to the churches in these last days—practically shut out, standing at the door making His final appeal. Christ is sitting with the Father on the Father's throne, but will in the millennium sit on the throne of David, His own throne.

#### III. The things which must be hereafter, Rev., Chaps. 4 to 22. A period of Six Sevens.

##### A. Introduction to Coming Events, including chaps. 4 and 5.

1. The throne set in heaven, 4:1-3.
2. The crowned elders on seats or thrones, 4:4-5.

3. The four beasts, or living creatures, 4:6-8.
4. The beasts and elders worshipping Him on the throne for creation, 4:9-11.
5. The book with seven seals, 5:1-4.
6. Christ the Kingly Lion opens the book, 5:5-7.
7. Beasts and elders worship the Lamb for redemption, 5:8-10.
8. The angelic host join in worship to the Lamb, 5:11-12.
9. The whole universe join in praise to the Kingly Lamb, 5:13-14.

##### B. The Seven Seals Opened, 6:1-8:1.

1. First seal, the beast imitating Christ, 6:1-2.
2. Second seal, taking away peace, 6:3-4.
3. Third seal, bringing famine, 6:5-6.
4. Fourth seal, bringing death, 6:7-8.
5. Fifth seal, reveals the martyred remnant, 6:9-11.
6. Sixth seal brings anarchy, 6:12-17.

Chapter 7 is parenthetical, dealing with the saved in the tribulation. (1) The remnant from the tribes of Israel, 7:4-8, (2) The Gentile multitude coming up out of the great tribulation, 7:9-17.

7. The seventh seal out of which the seven trumpets come, 8:1.

##### C. The Seven Trumpets of Judgment, 8:2-11:19. Verses 2 to 6 are introductory, showing Christ in angelic form as High Priest.

1. The first trumpet, 8:7.
2. The second trumpet, 8:8-9.
3. The third trumpet, 8:10-11.
4. The fourth trumpet, 8:12-13.
5. The fifth trumpet, 9:1-12, (1) First woe.
6. The sixth trumpet, 9:13-21. Chapter 10 and 11 down to verse 14 breaks in with the parenthetical matters of (1) The mighty angel, 10:1-7; (2) The little book eaten, 10:8-11; (3) The times of the Gentiles to close in 42 months, 11:1, 2; (4) The two witnesses to prophesy forty-two months, 11:3-12; and (5) The second woe, 11:13-14.
7. The seventh trumpet, 11:15-19.

##### D. The Seven Personages, Chapters 12 and 13.

1. The woman, 12:1-2.
2. Satan, 12:3-4.
3. The man-child, 12:5-6.
4. Michael, the archangel, 12:7-12. Verses 13 to 16 show Satan persecuting the woman.
5. The remnant of the woman's seed, 12:17.
6. The beast out of the sea, 13:1-10.
7. The beast out of the earth, 13:11-18. Before taking another plunge forward in prophetic events, John sees by anticipation in chapter 14, (1) The Lamb on Mount Zion with the 144,000, vs. 1-5; (2) The angel preaching the everlasting Gospel, vs. 6-8; (3) The fate of the worshippers of the Anti-Christ beast, vs. 9-12; (4) The blessedness of the dead in Jesus, vs. 13; (5) Vision of Armageddon, vs. 14-20.

E. The Seven Vials or Bowls, chapters 15 and 16. Chapter 15 is only preparatory, bringing into view the seven angels who have these last seven vials or plagues to pour out on the earth, and the closing of the temple until this work of judgment is done. Verse 1 of chapter 16 orders the vials or bowls of wrath to be poured out.

1. The first vial, v. 2.
2. The second vial, v. 3.
3. The third vial, vs. 4-7.
4. The fourth vial, vs. 8-9.
5. The fifth vial, vs. 10-11.
6. The sixth vial, v. 12.

Verses 13 to 16 brings in a scene of the beast and false prophet, sending out the three unclean frog-like demons from Satan to the nations of the earth to get them ready to oppose Jesus on the white horse.

7. The seventh vial, vs. 17-21.

##### F. The Seven Final Dooms, Chaps. 18 to 20.

1. The doom of ecclesiastical Babylon, Apostate

**Christendom.** Chaps. 17 and 18. This is done by the political Babylon, 17:15-18.

- (a) Babylon, as God sees her, 17:1-7.
- (b) The final form of Gentile power, vs. 8-18.
- (c) The final state of spiritual Babylon, 18:1-8.
- (d) Babylon, as man sees her, 18:9-19.
- (e) Babylon, as the angels see her, 18:20-24.

In chapter 19 we have a scene thrown in where (1) we hear the four hallelujahs, vs. 1-6; (2) see the marriage supper, vs. 7-10; (3) Christ makes His second Advent to earth, vs. 11-16; (4) the battle of Armageddon is fought, vs. 17-19.

2. The doom of the beast, v. 20.
3. The doom of the false prophet, v. 20.
4. The doom of earth's kings, v. 21.

In chapter 20 we see Satan bound during the millennium, vs. 1-3, the first resurrection and the faithful on thrones of judgment, vs. 4-6.

5. The doom of God and Magog, brought about by Satan loosed, vs. 7-9.
6. The doom of Satan, v. 10.
7. The doom of all unbelievers, vs. 11-15.

**G. The Seven New Things, 21:1-22:7.**

1. New heaven, v. 1.
2. A new earth, vs. 1-2.
3. The new peoples, vs. 3-8.
4. The new Jerusalem, vs. 9-21.
5. The new temple or church house, v. 22.
6. The new kind of light, vs. 23-27.
7. The new Eden with its river of life, 22:1-7.

**H. The Last Message, 22:8-19.**

**I. The Last Promise and Prayer, vs. 20-21.**

Those who have a Scofield Bible will find an excellent outline of the Book of Revelation, with which they may compare this with profit.

We have in this Book seven sevens, as has been noted by W. J. Erdman: 1. Seven churches, chaps. 2 and 3; 2. seven seals, 4:1-8:1; 3. The seven trumpets, 8:2-11:19; 4. The seven personages, 12:1-14:20; 5. The seven bowls, 15:1-16:21; 6. The seven final dooms, 17:1-20:15; 7. The seven new things, chaps. 21 and 22.

Most spiritual Bible interpreters agree we are now in the Loadicean age of the church, as in Rev. 3:14-22. I am sure we are at least that far. Others place us from this point on up into chapter 11. These are all premillennialists. A few spiritualizing post millennialists hold we are already in the opening of the millennium in 20:1-6, but these are so certainly wrong that this view is unworthy of serious consideration. It is certain we are not yet into the great tribulation proper.—E. N. Bell.

### CONCERNING THE BRIDEGROOM.

"Thou shalt call me Ishi (that is my husband), thou shalt call me no more Baali, (that is, my master.)"

The root thought of the word Baal is to rule, to have dominion, to hold in subjection, as a civil ruler, master or military commander. The very word is tinged through and through with the dark hues of subjection and servitude.

The term Ish is one of the very highest and brightest of all Hebrew words. The root thought of the term Ish is that of a divine humanity. It is the term by which the Holy Ghost frequently designates the God-man. . . . When Cain was born, Eve supposed he was the promised anointed, and she exclaimed, "I have gotten Ish"—the God-man! So that the word Ishi is radiant through and through with the soft, sweet light of a high and holier world. Of all the rich words in the Old Testament, none fell on a pure Hebrew maiden's heart so full of rich sunlight and love as the word Ish; for that dear old word expressed the compound idea of a bridegroom and a coming Christ. . . .

The very use of the word Baali, like a tide mark on the shore, proclaims that the people had gotten into a state of religious drudgery where the yoke was rough and heavy.

The plain English thought of this passage is: I will

take you from being a hired servant and make you my bride. . . .

The word Baali does represent a large class of religious people, to whom religion is a groan, and a sweat, and tiresome battle with the heart. There is no gush of golden gladness in the soul, and when they pray they only get far enough to call God Master. But Ishi contains in it the full tender emancipated worship of love. The music of marriage bells, the joyousness of a nuptial banquet, the purity and bliss of holy wedded love are all infolded in the rich Hebrew term Ishi. There is no other single word in the Old Scriptures which so delicately and forcibly expresses the celestial experience of—what shall I call it?—it is an experience which of its own richness, covers itself all over with radiant and holy names; but after we have gone over the names purity, sanctification, holiness, higher life, full salvation, perfection, there still seems a shade of the experience which nothing can express till we copy the words of Isaiah, Hosea, Paul, and John and call it the marriage of the soul to Jesus.

When Baali falls from our religious vocabulary and Ishi fills our mouths, we then rise from drudgery to delight, from law to love, from penance to purity, from poverty to power, from faintness to fulness, from sadness to sun light, from indwelling sin to an indwelling Saviour, from widowhood to wedlock, from heavy mourning to a heavenly marriage!

How natural it is for those who breathe the inner heart-life of Jesus, to open their mouths in prayer, with "Dear Jesus," and titles of that order. I know I am treading on delicate ground as well as holy ground, but the most delicate part of this theme is never heard in public: the purified soul does have a style of addressing itself to its Purifier which is too personal and too sacred for strange ears, and pours itself out only in the affectionate communings of the closet. But the word which the sanctified soul whispers to Jesus in the closet, is the very word which the sanctified church will sing at the marriage supper of the Lamb; Ishi, my husband, my spouse, my Immortal Love. . . . The wedded heart will put itself in wedded phrase, and call its Lord by a new name which the Spirit alone can give.

The tender hearted saints magnify personal love for God, and they get such bright visions of the person and character of God, that they often long for HIM so unutterably that the heart fairly breaks with sweet seraphic pain to be lost in the shining abysses of His glorious being. . . . To gaze at Jesus, to *blessedly despise* ourselves, and then to look away from self, with such burning thirst for Christ as to forget our unworthiness, and to pine for HIM until the heart trembles with holy yearning, and the breast expands and the lips quiver, and the hot tears fall, and the prayer is too great for words, and the soul almost faints to be taken up into the bosom of infinite love, this is the sweet suffering of the spouse of Christ, when she says in the song of songs, "I am sick of love." The saintly Faber sings, "If we were sick for want of love, how swiftly we would move."

It is a day to date from, when the Holy Spirit flashes the beautiful light all through our minds that GOD Himself, the eternal and living GOD in three persons, as Father, Son and Comforter have enthroned themselves in the depths of our inner nature. The light is flashed into different minds in different ways, and often in different ways in successive periods to the same person. Sometimes it seems like the form of a white dove softly brooding in the breast, and sometimes like a bubbling fountain

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## PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD

### TESTAMENT.

#### Picture VIII. Gifts for the rebellious. Psa. 68:18.

"Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

This is one of the Old Testament passages which is most clearly and explicitly explained in the New. In Eph. 4:8-16 St. Paul tells us that it refers to our blessed Lord's ascension into heaven, after His death and rising again; also that the "gifts" referred to are the manifold operations of the Holy Spirit, as He strengthens and builds up the body of Christ. We have our lists of these gifts of the Spirit in 1 Cor. 12:8-10, in verse 28 of the same chapter, and in Rom. 12:3-10; while in Eph. 4:11 the gifted ones themselves are spoken of as gifts of the ascended Lord to the various churches or assemblies of His people. What a glorious picture! Jesus, the all-victorious Saviour ascended into heaven, there the Father anointed Him as the High Priest with the Holy Oil, a fresh Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit; and after ten days of preparation He poured forth the same gracious fullness upon His waiting saints. (See Acts 2:4, 33; Psa. 133:2.) The initial evidence of the baptism is the same in every case viz., speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance; but the subsequent manifestations of His power are to be different in the varying lives and ministry of the disciples. And He tells us the reason for this in 1 Cor. 12, viz., that we are members of the body of Christ, and as such have differing ministries. "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing. If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him." Read the whole chapter with much prayer and meditation. And then in Eph. 4 note the further truth, that, having prepared and equipped these various members of the body, Christ *gives them* to the places which need them. "He gave some (churches) apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers," according to the special needs of each place. See notes in Scofield Bible on Eph. 4:11.

It would seem as if this teaching about the body of Christ were the definite result of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, a revelation of our relation and interdependence upon our fellow-believers which we never comprehended before. "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body." Yet how many of us fail to learn it. The Lord has no favorites. It is His desire to teach all of His truth to every child of His: but we are so slow and dull in learning, so filled with our own ideas and theories, that few of us are really childlike enough to take in the deep things of God. We receive the baptism, and are taken up with the new life of praise and communion with God; perhaps also with soul-winning, and our duty to the unsaved: but how often we fail to learn the special relationship into which we have been brought with our fellow-members of the body.

It is true that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the power for service, the only equipment for soul-winning; also that He must be received separately and individually by each believer. But it is not the plan of God that after receiving the armor and ammunition His soldiers should go around making their own plans, shooting anyone they happen to come across, utterly regardless of the orders of the Captain or of the movements of other troops. Jesus is called the Captain of our salvation, and He has a definite plan for the evangelization of this world. He would have His Spirit-baptized children so absolutely yielded

and obedient to His control, that He may marshal them in one great, orderly army, assign to each one his location and definite work, and lead them forth to a glorious victory over the hosts of darkness. The gifts of the Spirit are "yea, for the rebellious also"—but all the rebellion ought to be taken out of them when they receive the gifts. The first, second, third and last lesson a soldier has to learn is *obedience*; and surely the same is true of the soldiers of the Cross. How much money has been wasted, how much energy and talent misdirected, how much work proved to be overlapping among Pentecostal people all the world over, for lack of realizing each his place in the body of Christ, and every one members one of another.

I fancy I can hear someone say? "Oh how true that is. We are in a terrible condition of disorder. We must have more organization. Let us appoint proper leaders and control our members and workers more." Beloved, your diagnosis is true, but your remedy absolutely useless. Have you ever seen a child suffering from St. Vitus' dance? He tries to walk across the room, but his legs take him in a different direction. He takes up a book, but instead of holding it, he throws it across the floor. The fact is that his members are not under the control of the brain. His feet move any and every way, and his hands do that which he does not want to do; and try how he will, he can not keep his head from shaking. This is a picture of a body in which the members are not under proper control. Now what is the remedy? When a skilful physician sees such a case, does he proceed to make stocks to confine the wandering feet, handcuffs for the hands, a straight-jacket, a support to hold the head, and other external fetters? Never! He well knows that the thing to be done is to *strengthen and feed the nerves of the body from within*, until the disease is conquered, and each member restored to vital connection with and dependence upon the brain. The remedy is an *internal cure*, and not mere restraint by external force.

In the same way, the remedy for a disorderly condition of the body of Christ is not man-made organization, but *more of the Spirit within*. History repeats itself: and in all ages the church has applied the external fetters; but they have always proved a dismal failure. Let us get down lower on our faces before God, beseeching Him to make each of us more utterly yielded and obedient to the Spirit; so that as each one gets closer to the plan and ideal of the head, better gifted and fitted into his right place in the body, he may at the same time come into the right relationship with his fellow-members.

We need control! Yes, but let it be *God-control*. We need guidance! Yes, but let it be the guidance of the Spirit. We need leaders! We certainly do: but let them be the leaders chosen by the Head. We need organization! By all means, but let it be the orderly arrangement that is from above—our ascended Head appointing each member to his proper place in the body. How will this work out in actual fact in our various assemblies? In some places wonderful messages have been given in tongues, and the whole church is running after that one gift. In another they have been used in healings, and no one can think of anything else. In one place nothing but sermons to the unsaved are preached, while the young converts starve for lack of spiritual food. In another place so much teaching is given to the Christian, that they suffer from spiritual indigestion, because they do not have enough *exercise* in soul-saving work among the lost. Here is a church where the whole time is taken up with testimonies and manifestations, and the leader never gets an opportunity to build up his flock in the Word of God. Here again, is one where everything is left to the leader,

the people settle down to listen to his sermons and criticise him, never thinking of the share they have of responsibility in the meeting.

Now all these gifts and manifestations of the Spirit are good; but "the Body is not one member, but many." Oh that we could get a glimpse of our Lord's gracious ideal: that each assembly should be indeed a church—a manifestation in miniature of the Body of Christ, *with every gift manifested and used in its proper place*, never to the exclusion of its fellow-members. There will be perfect liberty, perfect order, perfect leadership, and perfect subordination, when the Holy Spirit really has HIS way in our meetings.—A. E. L.

(To be continued.)

### CONCERNING THE BRIDEGROOM.

(Continued from page 5.)

of sweet, transparent water gushing up in the heart, and sometimes like a soft whispering voice speaking in the soul, and sometimes like a Divine man that glides into us and stands erect in our inner being, filling every limb and feature with Himself. And sometimes like a hot, sweet furnace that quivers and glows, and melts us into unspeakable love and tears, and in some rare instances the indescribable presence of three Divine persons that sit serenely in the soul and hush the whole being into adorable awe.

We never hear any Christian expressing a great desire to be enveloped in God, but they do have that sweetly distressing thirst to have all their inner nature flooded with the living God. The Holy Spirit begets in us those prayers and forms of spiritual thirst which are according to God's words and the Father's will.

Excerpts from various chapters of "White Robes" by Dr. G. D. Watson.

### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELITES.

For them the bitings of grasshoppers and flies killed, neither was there found any remedy for their life: for they were worthy to be punished by such.

But Thy sons not the very teeth of venomous dragons overcame: for Thy mercy was ever by them, and healed them.

For they were pricked, that they should remember Thy words; and were quickly saved, that not falling into deep forgetfulness, they might be continually mindful of Thy goodness.

For it was neither herb, nor mollifying plaister, that restored them to health: but Thy word, O Lord, which healeth all things.

Wisdom of Solomon 16:9-12.

"When a soul is on Satan's sled it is very hard to set the brake."

### A CORRECTION.

There was a mistake overlooked in proofreading on the first page of our special salvation number. A sentence should have read "They are trying various cures, the morality cure, the Churchianity cure, the Mother Eddy Science and Health cure, the Annie Besant Theosophy cure, and every other cure invented by deceived men and women." The word Churchianity was printed "Christianity," but it will be corrected in subsequent editions.

Don't forget the date of the Fifth General Council of the Assemblies of God, beginning September 9th.

## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Ye shall \* \* \* be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you," Joel 2:26.

"If from thy life

His hand hath severed some aspiring shoots,  
And turned aside some outstretched tendrils from  
The objects unto which they fain had clung,  
He hath inserted deep within thy heart  
The germ of goodlier growth, and more prolific,  
That thou mayest bud and blossom, and bring forth  
Abundantly the fruit of His desiring."

Monday. "Thou art my strong refuge," Psa. 71:7.

Such winds and tornadoes as have swept our country in the past week sternly remind us how very weak is man with all his inventions. I am very conscious of it away out here on these bare Oklahoma prairies. But He kept us safely the night of the great storm, and, while the house shook over our heads, in my soul echoed the words, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." Hallelujah!

(Note: The author of the Daily Portions is visiting relatives on the plains of Western Oklahoma, from where this week's portions were written.)

Tuesday. "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses," Josh. 11:23.

Abraham received the promise, Jacob had it confirmed; Joseph rested in the certainty of its fulfilment; Moses gazed upon the land; but to Joshua was granted the privilege of taking it for God. And this is exactly how God accomplishes His victories today—one to plant, another to water, another to cultivate, and perhaps still another to reap the harvest. But the joy and reward is the same for all.

Wednesday. "And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise," Heb. 6:15.

Sometimes after God has promised us rich blessing or victory, we seem to be the farthest removed therefrom. The sunset glow fades into darkest night—but remember, beloved, a bright new day is on the other side, perhaps the day of promised fulfilment. And if you look for them, you will find the sky of your darkest night studded with the stars of His reassuring promises.

Thursday. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted," Matt. 5:4.

"Wouldst thou not weep, when 'tis the tear-wet faces  
Shall feel the tender touch of God's own hand?  
Wouldst ne'er be weary, when for weary pilgrims  
He keeps such sweet rest in His glad home-land?"

Friday. "Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," Gal. 2:20.

And the power and beauty of it all lies in the fact that it is His strength, not mine, that makes me endure in the trying hour; His grace, not mine, that keeps me sweet in the hard places; His love, not mine, that makes me tender and forgiving toward all men.

"Grace for time and eternity,  
Grace enough for me."

Saturday. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law," Rom. 13:10.

Ah, no, we are not under the law—we are on top of the law—gloriously free in Christ Jesus. But the more Christ reigns within, the more are we controlled by His love. We are in love-bondage—our love to Christ and one another governs our use and enjoyment of this wonderful liberty.

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### "THE RIVER OF GOD IS FULL OF WATER."

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God. And it never runs dry. Are you drinking of its fulness? Are you drinking enough? Millions have drunk in ages past, and there is enough for millions more.

Are you bringing a cup just for yourself, or are you bringing in your neighbors' vessels for a filling as well? Do not limit the Holy One of Israel in the small supply you take. It is not a tiny pool, it is a fountain flowing; yea, a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. It is a fountain flowing from God and it is laden with blessing. It flows from the throne of God and He Himself sees that the supply never ends.

Do not dam the stream by your unbelief. "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Israel," and you can limit Him by your unbelief. In the vision of Zechariah, the oil flowed through the golden pipes. Do not hinder or clog God's oil from flowing, for there is need of a light in His candlestick or lampstand in these last dark days.

The fountain is flowing and God wants it to flow through you to His people. This is the heritage of God's people.

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### THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

You will notice that we have announced the General Council to commence September 9th and the Missionary Conference to commence four days later on the 13th. The reason for this is that many preachers could not attend both of these meetings. They feel the need of the Council for their personal and local work, and they also feel the need of the Missionary Conference so that they can intelligently and prayerfully labor in the interests of the work in foreign lands. They would not be able to attend both of these meetings if they were placed for any period of time apart, but when they are placed both together, they can participate in both of them without it being too great a strain upon them while in attendance at the meetings.

It is not the intention of the Council to make any effort to dominate the Missionary Conference. We simply offer the services of the Council in helping representatives come together to discuss missionary problems to the end that there may be a better understanding of the field and a closer co-operation between the home and foreign work. The need of the field is imperative and we, as a Pentecostal Movement, must be willing to sacrifice personal ambition in our effort to meet that need. It has been suggested that a returned missionary of known ability be selected to preside at this conference, and it is probable that this suggestion will be complied with. But it will be the will of the majority of the representatives who assemble together which define the order of the conference, not the prearranged plan of a few.

If you have the great world-wide work of God upon your heart, you cannot afford to miss this great conference, which we are expecting shall mean so much for good in the future development of missionary enterprise, providing, of course, that our Lord be not come. But there could be no greater joy than to be present at such a conference, praying and planning for God's great missionary work, should the Lord come in the midst of it and we, who love His appearing, be caught away to meet the Lord.

**Come to the Missionary Conference, Sept. 13th.**

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### IN JAIL FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER.

We are in receipt of a letter from a sister in Anna, Ill., who informs us that her husband and brother-in-law are in jail because they did not register for the army. The Evangel particularly warned its readers against failure to register on the day set apart for this purpose. The edict went forth that all men between the ages of 21 and 30 should register, and because a person does not believe in war is no excuse for not obeying the law. If you have objections to slaying your fellow men, there is a time and place set apart for stating those objections, which will be heard and each case judged on its own merits. If there is good cause for exemption, exemption will be granted. We cannot pray for God to get these men out of trouble, but we can ask God to touch their hearts and cause them to repent of this mistake so that the authorities will be lenient with them. If they continue in their present attitude it is altogether probable that they will be sent to prison for a year, and they may receive no mercy at the end of that time, but be drafted summarily in spite of their protest. Pray that God will give wisdom to these brethren.

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### SCOFIELD BIBLES RAPIDLY GOING.

If you have not yet placed your order for one of the Special Scofield Bibles, you had better do so immediately, as probably within a week of the time this paper reaches your hands, they will all be gone, and the offer will be withdrawn. If you have asked us to reserve a copy for you, would advise that you arrange to take it as quickly as possible as it would not be wise for us to hold one of these Bibles for you when others are willing to pay cash immediately and have it sent to them. Whatever you do about the Bibles, will have to be done quickly. They are almost all gone.

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### BRO. C. W. DONEY'S TEMPORARY ADDRESS.

Bro. C. W. Doney, missionary to Egypt, desires to announce that his address will be 1243 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo., until after the Missionary Conference in September, after which date his address will be Cairo, Egypt. Pray for Bro. Doney as he visits the various assemblies in behalf of Egypt.

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## Questions and Answers

By E. N. BELL, 304 Joplin Ave., Galena, Kans.  
to whom all questions should be sent.

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This department is only open for the edification of those in need of such light on the Scriptures as we can give, not for argument or disputing. The editor reserves the right to answer only such questions as will be for the glory of God and to the help of our readers. No questions, under any circumstances, will be answered by letter, so please do not expect this.

**218. Is the Word and Witness still published?**

Ans. No, it was merged into the Weekly Evangel, which now belongs to all the brethren and is held only in trust by the General Council just as the Word and Witness was. The Evangel is cheaper at \$1.00 a year than a monthly paper is at 25 cents a year—more than twice as cheap as one at fifty cents. Fifty cents would get only 12 numbers, whereas the Evangel gives 25 issues for fifty cents when taken by the year. Every home should now take the Evangel.

**219. What does Mt. 16:28 mean by seeing the Son of Man coming in His kingdom?**

Ans. This refers to the transfiguration on the mount after six days. See Mt. 17:1-9 and 2 Pet. 1:16 to 18, where Peter speaks of this vision "when with him in the holy mount" as "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,"—not the second coming, of course.

**220. Give names and centers of all the Pentecostal organizations in America, please.**

Ans. Complete information is not available to the editor at this time, but I will give such as I remember.

- Assemblies of God, 1243 N. Garrison St., St. Louis, Mo.
- Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Portland, Ore.
- Apostolic Faith, Portland, Ore.
- Pentecostal Premillennial Missionary Union, Los Angeles, California.
- Apostolic Faith Assemblies of God, Eureka Springs, Ark.
- Churches of God in Christ, Memphis, Tenn.
- Churches of God, Cleveland, Tenn.
- Pentecostal Holiness Church, Falcon, N. C.
- Christian Workers Union, Montwait, Framingham, Mass.
- Pentecostal Holiness Union, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Churches of God in Christ (colored), Memphis, Tenn.
- Missions represented by the Witness, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Missions represented by Meat in Due Season, Los Angeles, Calif.

**221. Does the Bible teach a separate office of a Presbyter?**

Ans. The author of the above question comments on it and says: "I believe the Bible teaches only two offices in the church: Pastors or bishops, and deacons or elders. The General Council has created an office of Presbyter separate from these two offices, and I believe this to be unscriptural."

The editor gives the above comment to make sure that our readers get the meaning of the question.

The Bible has the following as to the ministry: "Bishops and Deacons," Phil. 1:1—two offices. "And He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering," Eph. 4:11-12. 1st Tim. 3:1, 2, 8 speaks of the "Bishop" and the "Deacons."—two offices. In Titus 1:5-7 the same men are called both "Elders" and "Bishops." Also in Acts 20:17, 28 the same men are called "Elders" in one place and "Bishops" in another. (These quotations are from A. S. version).

These last two passages prove that elders are also bishops, that bishops are elders. These terms describe two phases of the one office. Bishop is also the same in meaning or office as overseer. An elder is in Greek terms a "Presbyter."

So our questioner is wrong in classing the deacons as elders. The deacon is neither elder nor presbyter nor bishop nor overseer. But the elder is pastor, bishop, presbyter and overseer. Then our questioner is wrong in making the elder separate or different from presbyter. Elder is only the English for "Presbyter," which is merely the Greek term for the same office as elder. That is all.

The General Council has not "Created an office of presbyter separate" from elder, as our questioner thinks. It merely elects men who are already elders in a Bible sense to attend to certain matters of the Council work. They are no different than if called "A Committee of Elders." The same is true of an "Executive Presbyter." This only means that a presbyter or elder is on an "Executive Committee." Hence in a Bible sense a presbyter is only an elder, and an executive presbyter is only an elder serving in an executive capacity. This is all there is to it, and the presbyters do not attempt anything only such as they are appointed to do by their brethren and fellow elders. They crave no extra titles nor any honors above their brethren. God forbid.

### GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS OF THE LIBERTY LOAN.

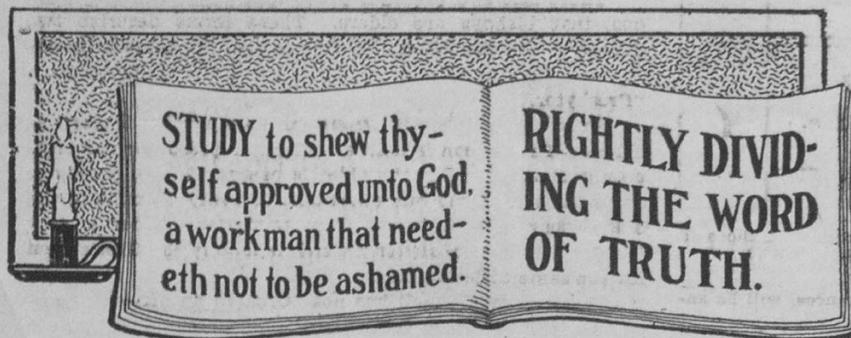
How easy it is to let the words "two billions of dollars" roll off your tongue, but how few persons realize what two billions of dollars really amount to. In an odd moment, we did a little arithmetic with surprising results. You can work out the same problem and it will surprise you too.

Supposing two billions of dollars were left to you in silver somewhere in Chicago, and you lived in St. Louis. After the whole amount had been counted out you would find that if you employed ten two-ton trucks to haul the money to the freight depot, and each one of these trucks made one trip a day, it would take ten years for you to haul all the money to the depot, and it would take over a hundred trains of forty-four cars each to bring all this money to you.

If, after the money had all been delivered to you, you wished to be real sure that it was all there, and you started in to count it, putting in ten hours a day for six days a week, and counting one dollar per second, it would take you 177 years and six months to complete the job. Supposing you started to count when you were twenty-five years of age, and when you were fifty years old, your son took up the job where you left off, and so on, until the job was completed, when the last dollar had been counted, it would be done by the great-great-grandson of your great-grandson, or seven generations. But if you decided that would take too long and you wished to complete the work in ten years, it would take seventeen men working ten hours a day and six days a week to complete the work. During this ten years, the interest on your money at 3½ per cent would have amounted to an enormous sum, the first year alone being 70 millions of dollars.

We only give these figures so that you can see the gigantic expenditure this country must make in sending its first army over to France, and this is only the beginning.

In comparison with the numbers of angels seen by John in Rev. 5:11, if this two billion dollars were divided among the ten thousand times ten thousand angels, there would be \$20 for each of them. But there were also thousands of thousands which were never counted, and some idea of the vast number of angelic creatures can be gained by the figures which we have given above.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 8, 1917.

### AHAZ THE FAITHLESS KING.

Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 28:1-5, 20-27.

Golden Text: (Without faith it is impossible to please Him.) Heb. 11:6.

Leading Thought: He did trespass yet more against the Lord.

Practical Truth: (Departure from God brings distress and ruin.)

Topic: An Idolatrous Career.

Time: B. C. 741-726.

Ahaz had the reputation of being the worst king who ever sat upon the throne of David. It is hard to understand how he could have gotten so far away from God, for while his grandfather Uzziah was presumptuous, intruding into the priest's office, and was punished for his folly by becoming leprous, yet his father had been a godly man who "prepared his ways before the Lord His God," and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. His son Hezekiah was also a godly man, his faithfulness standing in strong contrast to the faithlessness of his father.

#### Story of a Faithless King.

1. Faithless to good parents and good example, v. 1.
2. Faithless by walking in the way of heathen nations, vs. 2-4.
3. Punished by the wicked people he sought to please, v. 5.
4. Grossly faithless by contacts with heathen nations, vs. 20, 21.
5. Boldly faithless by seeking help from false gods, vs. 22, 23.
6. Defiantly faithless by destroying the vessels and house of God, v. 24.
7. Vainly faithless—for he gains nothing and losses all, vs. 25-27.—J. M. Coon.

Ahaz succeeded his father Jotham on the throne of Judah at the age of 20 years, an age when he ought to have profited by his father's example. Unfortunately for him and the people over which he ruled, he thought he knew more about how to run things than his father, with the result that he not only sinned by turning away from God himself, but he also caused the whole nation of Judah to sin with him.

Jereboam, the first king of Israel, de-

parted from the Lord by instituting a system of worship after the desires of his own heart. All the kings of Israel followed him in his sin, and Ahaz copied their ways, even to the making of molten images of Baal in direct violation of the law of God. The whole story of his life is a record of a complete failure.

Ahaz not only offered incense in the valley south of the walls of Jerusalem when he ought to have offered the incense in the place appointed, the house of the Lord, but he offered human sacrifices to Moloch, following the vile practices of the Caananites who had been driven out of the land of Canaan before Israel. When one step is taken in the wrong direction, it is only a matter of time until the bottom rung is reached in the ladder of demoralization. Soon altars were set up everywhere and idolatry became prevalent through the whole nation.

Then, because of his sin, the nations round about were permitted to afflict him and his land. He sought to make friends by taking away a portion of the house of the Lord and a portion of the king's house and giving it unto his enemies, but his efforts were doomed to failure. Difficulties multiplied and thinking that the gods of the Assyrians had helped them in their warfare against Israel, he turned to them and offered sacrifices, hoping for help, but no help came, only multiplied ruin upon himself and his land. If he had repented of his backslidings and turned unto the Lord, God who is merciful toward all who call upon Him, would have helped him in his distress. But he persisted in his blindness and folly until utter ruin came. What a warning this should be to those who so lightly esteem the Gospel of our salvation in these days, and who so glibly explain away all the miraculous in the Word and work of God. They have set up a god of their own making—a deified humanity—and there remaineth only for them a fearful looking for destruction from the hand of the God whom they have spurned.

"This is that Ahaz," (v. 22). What contempt is revealed in these words. The writer of the Chronicles could not refrain from showing his estimation of this faithless king.

"Ahaz then shut up the doors of the house of the Lord," refusing to go in

himself and hindering all others who would continue to worship the Lord from entering into the temple or taking any part in its ceremonies.

But Ahaz died—still a young man—and the people's estimate of him was shown by the manner in which his body was cared for. He was buried in the City of Jerusalem, and was not permitted to lie in the sepulchres of the kings of Israel whose memory he had profaned by his godless and idolatrous life.—J. R. F.

Next Week's Lesson.

July 15, 1917.

### HEZEKIAH THE FAITHFUL KING.

Reading Lesson. 2 Chron. 30:1-27.

Golden Text: Heb. 11:6.

(Editorial Note: Mrs. Flower, who has so ably edited the Sunday School Lessons for the past four years, has been compelled by circumstances and growing duties to discontinue her share in this part of the work. Bro. A. P. Collins has kindly consented to continue the lessons in her place. The last two lessons were written by our able brother, but this week some accident prevented his contribution from arriving in time for this issue. So we have done the best we could here in the office, but promise that next week we shall hear again from our brother. Mrs. Flower is at this time visiting relatives on the prairies of Western Oklahoma. We shall continue to have her daily portions weekly, and trust that they shall prove as great a blessing in the future as they have been in the past.)

Shaft, Md. I wish to sound a note of praise to our Lord. Truly He is good and is blessing in these last days. We have had many refreshings the past year, the Lord has been saving and baptizing with the precious Holy Spirit.

We started a meeting two weeks ago at Gillmore, Md., where twenty-four have come to Christ. The power falls every night, and some are being saved, many are seeking the Holy Spirit, and much conviction is on the people. We are expecting much to be accomplished at this place. We have opened a goodly number of places the past three years and have pastors over same.

We are praying the Lord to give us two consecrated young women, who can sing, pray and work with sinners at altar. They must be consecrated to God and not chaffy and flirty. We will be glad to hear from any who feel the call to the work. No other than the kind mentioned need apply.

We are looking ahead to our camp meeting for great things. Old Satan is trying hard to keep us out of Frostburgh, Md. They are threatening us, but God is greater than the powers of Satan, and we will obey the Lord rather than man. Our Interstate Camp Meeting will be from August 5th to 26th at or near Frostburgh, Md.

Please pray for this Eastern campaign to be a great success for the Lord.—A. B. Cox.

**THE FATHER'S ROD.**

Beloved, I want to give you, from God's precious Word, a clear foundation for you to rest upon, for the Lord's healing.

In Deuteronomy—for the purpose of enforcing the law and yet bringing those who were under it to hear the voice of the Lord, and so be saved from its curse—they were told, and so are we, that sickness of all kinds is part of the curse of the law. Now, if you think concerning sickness that it may be a good thing for you, that it is not the will of God to heal you, your thought is not a right or true one.

Sickness is not good for you, except as the rod is good for the child; the good thing is the blessing that comes when the will is submitted and the heart is given up. Just so in the case of a parent chastening a child, it is not the rod that is the good thing, either to the heart of the child or of the parent; the rod is simply that which draws or impels toward the good thing. What parent among you would punish his child one moment after the accomplishment of that which he seeks,—the subdued and yielded will, the heart turned to obedience? What parent would lay on another stroke? Tell me.

I remember once really wanting my father to give me a whipping. I had been bad, and he had had the wisdom—rod in hand, yet without using it—to take me aside, tell me what I had done, and talk to me with a father's love and faithfulness, to save me from the destructive course upon which I had entered. He did not cease until I had made an open breast of it, yielded, and told him all; I confessed all I had hidden.

Then I would have given anything to be punished, to pay for my sin, but instead of that, my loving father forgave me freely, and did not let the rod fall upon me. I have loved him all my life long for that; he

**Had the Rod in His Hand and yet He Spared.**

His lovingkindness to me in the midst of his faithfulness just broke my heart. He first got my conscience, then my heart, then my tongue, on his side. I confessed, yielded myself to him, and he forgave. I never shall forget his loving faithfulness with me, it has been a life-long benefit. He did not lay the rod on at all, because he saved himself and me all the pain, by his kindness and love in persuading me and bringing the light to me. Blessed be the Lord who gave him the wisdom!

Well, beloved, it is not the rod that is the good thing; it is good in its place and for its purpose, but

**In Itself it is Not Good**

to the father's heart or to the child's back. But if it serves the purpose of drawing the heart of the child to the heart of the father or mother, then it is good,

**That is Its Only Good.**

Now, sickness is the rod. It is a part of the curse that follows sin. Well, if

so, what then? Who has borne the curse of the law? We are told in Galatians that our Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Well, then, He has borne your sickness, and you do not need the punishment if He has borne it. If your heart meets His heart and your will meets His will, you do not need it, and His Father-hand will never lay it upon you. Instead of that, the Hand that bled for you will take it away utterly, the Heart that took all and bore all, will not only forgive you, but will take away that which oppresses you.—W. E. Boardman.

**"TO THE JEW FIRST."**

How wonderful Jesus is! Our hearts are overflowing with praise for the way in which God is manifesting His might and power in answer to prevailing prayer. The attitude of the Jews toward us and the mission is quite changed. They have ceased to hurl eggs, rocks, etc., and are attending the services, often remaining throughout the meetings. Some have begged our pardon for the part they had in the stoning, and many are asking questions concerning Jesus and their souls' salvation. Four have confessed Christ, one requesting baptism in water at once. On Sunday night, a Jew, who regularly attends the services, said to us, "I am earnestly seeking the Lord with my whole heart."

We praise God and take courage, not that we were in the least discouraged, for we knew that the persecution would cease in God's own time and repentant hearts would result. It pays to hold on to God and stand true regardless of Satan's roarings.

We do thank all the dear ones for their co-operation in sending us names and addresses of Jews, for it has enabled us to reach many with the Gospel, and we trust that many shall be brought to the feet of Jesus our Lord. We are still sending out letters and tracts, and would be pleased to receive names of Jews anywhere, with offering to cover the expenses that these letters will incur.

Beloved, continue in prayer with us for precious souls.—Florence I. Bush and mother, 4608 Scovill Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Okemah, Okla. I want to praise God for His healing power as I was taken sick in July and was not able to do hardly anything till January. The doctor said I would have to be operated on, but the saints at Tahlequah prayed for me and the Lord healed me and I am a well woman today, thank God! I have been saved seven years and five years ago God gave me the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I still love Him today. Bless His name.—Mrs. Sadie Phillip, Okemah, Okla.

The General Council meets in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9th, 1917.

**THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT AND THE JEWS.**

The largest Jewish center in the world is in the vicinity of New York, Newark and Jersey City, numbering about a million and a half. The work among the Jews is one that has been somewhat neglected in Latter Rain ranks. We are glad to see some of the assemblies taking up this work. Inasmuch as the coming of the Lord is drawing so near, the time should be used in covering as large a field as possible. It is a subject which should be prayed about much. Our Brother Sidersky feels the burden of this work much, and has been used in giving the Gospel to the Jews, but longs to see a larger work done. Who should undertake this work if not the Pentecostal people? Surely God has raised up a people to put forth His truths not only to the Gentiles, but the Word says that the Gospel is to the JEW FIRST. Many false doctrines have been entered among the Jews because many of them are seeking for something which will satisfy, but nothing can possibly do that except the One whom God chose, even Jesus Christ, His Son and their Messiah. Let us get in line with God, pray much, and help to put the cup of salvation to the lips of this chosen people of God.—Selected.

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## GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The call has gone forth for a General Missionary Conference to be held at St. Louis, Mo., beginning September 13, 1917, to continue as long as important matters may demand attention.

The call for such a convention is based upon the universally felt need of a better understanding of the present condition of the Pentecostal missionary work and of some plan for co-operation in developing and maintaining a practical effort to reach the ends of the earth with the present-day Pentecostal message, should our Lord tarry yet a while.

It is hoped that the call will bring together at least a representative from every center of Pentecostal missionary interest in this country and Canada, together with many individual supporters of Pentecostal missions and missionaries.

A form letter has gone to over one hundred representative missionaries on the various mission fields, asking for a report of conditions and suggestions relative to a plan for closer unity and better co-operation between the fields and the home-land.

It is fortunate that there is a number of missionaries now in this country who can attend and assist in the conference. All such missionaries are invited to the conference whether they have received a special notice or not, as it is desired that all the various fields be represented as far as possible.

Since the call is not for a conference of any certain wing or branch of the great Pentecostal movement only, but for a coming together of all Pentecostal Saints to consider and plan for this most important of all our activities for these days of opportunity, it is hoped that we may avoid all misapprehension as to the nature of this conference, or the purpose of those who have felt the need so much and have taken the initiative in making the call.

Among some of the missionaries now in the home field who are expected to be present are:

Bro. and Sister J. R. Buckley, British East Africa.

Bro. and Sister W. W. Simpson, China.

Bro. and Sister Jas. Harvey, India,

Will K. Norton, India,

Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols, China.

Miss Ethel V. Webb, China,

Andrew D. Urshan, Persia,

Bro. and Sister C. W. Doney, Egypt,

Estella A. Bernauer, Japan,

and a number of others, besides the representative brethren and sisters in the home-land who have the foreign work more particularly on their hearts.

A hearty invitation is extended to every one who is interested in foreign missions to meet with us beginning September 13th at St. Louis, Mo., for this great missionary conference.

Address all communications to the Missionary Conference Committee, 1243 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

### MISSIONARY NOTES.

A letter has been received from David A. and Mary Barth stating that they now feel the Lord would have them remain in China. They have removed from Shanghai to Hong Kong where they expect to study the language and avail themselves of the numerous opportunities there presented for service.

The Lord meets us in sickness as the children were sick not long ago. We prayed and the Lord touched them. Pray for these children that God has put in our charge that they may learn to know Christ more fully and be faithful. Pray also for me. I am alone in charge of these as Sister Harrison has now gone home on furlough and I miss her so much. She is a dear faithful worker.—Miss Tellie Habecker, China.

Hommoku, Japan. God is pushing us out and we see His Spirit moving on the people. Praise His name. Despite the winds that damaged our tent, we are all fixed up and pushing on the firing line in the front trenches. Amen. We have a good band of workers and our tent is full of people. Praise Him. Of course, expenses are higher, but they are only \$105.00 per month, besides our own living, etc. So we feel very grateful to God for His kindness to us. Now we feel like stretching every nerve to push out into the deep for God.

We must go to a cool place in July and August, part of the time if possible, and have a campaign there at "Golem-

ba," at the foot of Mt. Fuji. Pray for us.—B. S. Moore.

Taianfu, Shantung, China. The offering to hand and we praise God for it. Surely He knows that we have need of all these things before we ask Him.

We praise God for the wonderful way He has worked in our midst. Since writing last, quite a number have been saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have been pressed financially and some times it seemed that we could not go on, but we praise God that He has given us an open door every time we got to a place where it seemed we could go no further. All things are possible with God.

It has been very dry for seven months and there has been much sickness of different kinds and many deaths, especially among the children. The Lord has been especially good to us and in our large family of about fifty there has not been a single death or a real serious case of sickness for any length of time. The Lord has answered prayer in every case of sickness in the home. Praise God!

The dear Lord has sent us two more orphan boys to be cared for. Pray that God will supply our needs. We need coarse sheets, quilts and blankets for the children—second-hand ones will answer the purpose just as well if they are strong. It is so precious the way the dear Lord manifests Himself unto them, especially the little girls, filled with the Spirit and dancing before the Lord.

Pray for us and the native workers that our faith fail not, no matter how hard the road may be.—L. M. Anglin.

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Benares, U. P., India. We wish to testify to God's faithfulness to us the past months. He has supplied our needs, and wife and I and all our workers have been kept in health, although plague and small-pox have been raging about us. We have done considerable street-preaching and hundreds of Gospels and Christian tracts have been sold and distributed among the pilgrims and others of Benares. The hot season is on us and the rainy season will soon be here. We are in need of a hall to be used as a preaching and colportage center. Will you kindly pray that this need may be met? We do not desire to build but simply to rent. We believe such a hall would increase our usefulness here very much.

In spite of the war our mails are coming all right. It seems now that practically the whole world is at war. Surely these must be the last days. What we do we must do quickly. May we be ready to meet our Lord with joy.

We missionaries on the foreign field feel very much the need of being upheld in prayer. We will be very glad to know that you are praying for us. A letter from the home-land is always a great cheer.—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Norton.

Don't forget the Missionaries need help in the summer months as well as the winter.

**PRAYS FOR \$100 FOR THE MISSIONARIES—AND GETS IT.**

After reading in the Weekly Evangel of the needs of God's dear missionaries, my heart became so burdened because of their needs and those of the poor among whom they labor that I cast about in my mind what I could do to help them. While I prayed to God to help me to help. I had no money but I knew my heavenly Father had an abundant supply, so I said to him, "Father, if you will give me \$100 for your children, I will not buy for myself any wearing apparel this year." Then lest I should forget my vow to God I wrote it down with the date and kept praying as I waited on the Lord for the money.

After six days I had \$6.60 given me, and while I waited for the rest of my petition I said, "Lord, if my sacrifice is pleasing to you, and you look on me with favor, give me the money soon." In a few days \$100 was turned over to me above the \$6.60. Glory to God.

I don't believe in all the five years of my Christian experience I've known such unspeakable joy. Many times I just fairly tingle with delight, and I want you all to get your share of this joy of the Lord too.—C. N.

**REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN JAPAN.**

In regard to the work here, we can and do praise God He has and is blessing in the spread of the Gospel, and hearts are receiving Him. It is only as He opens their hearts as He did Lydia's that they can attend unto the things which are spoken, and receive Him into their hearts.

In April we went again into the country where we had been last autumn, and we were truly encouraged to find that a number had grown in faith and were keeping true to the Gospel of the living God which they had received. The old brother, 67, who said his "body was so full of joy he could not sleep," said he would come to Yokohama, after his crops were in, to learn more of this faith. A young man who had been a great sufferer from rheumatism and dropsy was healed, and his employer gave him permission to carry our baggage to the station. It was heavy, but as God had given him strength he was happy to be able to do that much to show his thankfulness to God who had healed him.

Then from that village we walked to another village where they had never seen a foreigner nor heard a word of Gospel. There they also gladly received us and opened their home for us to stay. We were entertained in the home of the head man of the village and in his compound several hundred people gathered to hear the Gospel and about forty became believers. In these villages, unless you can find favor with the head officials, you can do nothing as they will not assemble for you. It was through the salvation of a very bad fellow, a son of one of the head men of the first village who married a daughter of the head man of the second vil-

lage, that God opened the way for us. The young man's wife had left him, but now he has her back again and they have a baby girl and are both very happy serving God. Pray for these dear Christians.

Two weeks ago we put up our large tent again in this village—between a Shinto Shrine and a Buddhist temple. It is truly Satan's seat, and as this is a beach resort, it is unspeakably wicked; however, there is nothing too hard for God. From the first, large crowds came and listened well and many remained for the after meetings each time. Some wept and prayed earnestly and some backsliders came to God again. Others also repented. We have preached the Gospel faithfully and its influence can never be fully realized. At first the devil fought hard, and the strong winds nearly blew our tent down twice; however, God gave a very wonderful victory, Hallelujah to His name!

We have now moved our tent to another community. Have had three meetings and great crowds are coming. We are expecting victory and deliverance for many souls. As the Japanese know nothing at all about a tent, the heavy work falls to Mr. Moore, therefore please pray for God to give strength for every duty. We expect, D. V., to continue this meeting till the last of May, then the rainy season comes on and we cannot do out-of-door work; but we are making good use of these days before the rain comes.—B. S. Moore and wife.

**Hong Kong, China.** We are just back from our night meeting in Wautsai. Opportunities are good indeed. The hall is crowded with eager listeners and some are forsaking their idols and being saved from their superstition by the Son of the living God. Hallelujah!

Five have recently been immersed in water, and now we are looking to God to pour out His Spirit and baptize those who haven't yet received their baptism. Among the number baptized was an old woman, 64 years of age, who was taught the Gospel when a young girl, but afterwards was married into a heathen family and became an idol worshipper. She now confesses she has been bound by Satan forty years, and calls on the name of the Lord for deliverance. She has destroyed the idols in her home and thanks God for the grace He has given. We request your prayers that God may speedily baptize her in the Holy Spirit. We are expecting a revival in our midst.—John D. James.

**CONCERNED FOR THE MISSIONARIES.**

I enclose money order for \$..... to be sent to missionaries most in need. That poor boy who did not receive but one dollar in last report must be getting some more soon or he might starve.

I read and prayed all day yesterday and hope God answered my prayer and saved a hundred souls and poured out

His Spirit on every one of the praying band.

I have been stirred up over the condition of Japan. I ask God to smite all those devils that have those poor women in prison, and to shake them over hell and show them how near hell they are. Bro. Taylor has my prayers. I am praying to see the day when Jesus will put all enemies under His feet.—J. L. R., Rosboro, Ark.

**Lo Pau, South China.** Our hearts are rejoicing in the many blessed opportunities that are daily given us to witness for Him, and, best of all, we feel the Word is taking effect in the hearts of the hearers.

We were out visiting the other night, and an old woman was telling us of another old lady who had been to our meeting on Sunday evening. She said this old woman's son was taken for ransom last year and her heart had been as it were dead within her; but during the meeting her heart was touched and most of her sadness driven away. She had never heard of the "Good News" before. She was so old and withered and bent, but as we looked at her we loved her and claimed her soul for Christ. We want to seek her out in her home and visit her.

Many homes are opened to us here in Lo Pau. We are always received with courtesy. This shows how God has in these two years changed the hearts of the people, for when we first rented here the whole city rose up to dispell us and hinder us from repairing. Now they know we are here only for their good.

We expect Bro. and Sister G. M. Kelley up tomorrow to hold a baptismal service and administer the Lord's Supper. There are several women to follow the Lord in baptism. Pray they may be faithful servants of Jesus; all of them are from heathen homes, the first of the family to take a stand. One woman's husband was an opium smoker, but has, since coming here, given it up, but has not wholly given himself to Jesus as yet—but he must follow, and also the father, who is a very wicked man. We do long to see the mighty power of God manifested in that home. It will mean much for the Gospel here, as they have both money and influence. Praise God, there is now a witness there.

Now, we believe, is China's opportunity, and we feel like we must put forth our every effort to spread the Gospel. Our bodies are worn and tired after five years' services, but we are asking of God strength to continue on the battlefield until next year.

Thank you for your kind letter and prayers. We enjoy the Weekly Evangel. Your piece "Look from the Top" was a great uplift to me; it came just when I needed to "look from the top."—Cora E. Hammond.

The General Missionary Conference meets Sept. 13th at St. Louis, Mo.

## FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

"That they all may be one." Jno. 17:21.

### THE HOME-LAND.

The Home-land, the Home-land  
The land to which we're bound;  
The Home-land, the Home-land,  
It's songs will soon resound:  
I'm looking for the Home-land  
I have no dwelling here,  
For Jesu's in the Home-land,  
To which I'm drawing near.

Our Christ is in the Home-land,  
Preparing mansions fair,  
And soon He'll take us with Him,  
To dwell forever there.  
He woos us to the Home-land,  
With voice both soft and clear;  
Give to us, Lord, we pray Thee,  
The blood anointed ear.

There's rest and peace in the Home-land  
And joy beyond compare;  
And glory all supernal  
Eternally to share.  
Wash now your robes all spotless,  
And keep them ever clean;  
Then sure with Christ for aye,  
We'll reign as Heaven's Queen.

"To Him that overcometh will I grant  
to sit with Me in my throne." Rev. 3:21.  
—Elder A. E. Sidford, 2196 Waverly  
St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

### FIELD REPORTS.

**Lamoni, Iowa.** We expect to start a revival here the 4th of July. Sister Katie Utiger of Eureka Springs assisting us. Pray for us. —Kelley Campbell.

**New Castle, Tex.** For the last few weeks several have been saved and six received the baptism. Others are seeking. The town is stirred and the prospects are good for the summer.—Pastor H. H. Wray.

**Tolar, N. Mex.** Tell Bro. H. R. Nichols we are in need of a full Gospel preacher at Tolar, N. Mex. The full Gospel has never been preached here. So come Bro. Nichols.—M. L. Lourie, better known as Grandma Lourie.

**Grand Prairie, Texas.** I wish to announce that we have a new tabernacle erected and have a revival in progress. The first service was held May the 20th. Bro. W. F. Carothers, of Houston came. On May 26th Bro. F. O. Burnett of Bridgeport came and they have done very efficient work among the saints, while several held up their hands for prayer. We desire the prayers of all the Evangel family that God will save and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

I also wish to announce that I will be free to assist in revival work from now

on during the summer. If any one desires help they may address me at Grand Prairie, Texas.—Chas. E. Culbertson.

**Malvern, Iowa.** We have been holding meetings at a little flag station on the Wabash Railroad, White Cloud, Ia., since last November. Have seen sixteen souls born into the kingdom. We hope some Spirit-filled preacher will follow up this work as only two have the baptism.—Mrs. E. R. Wiles.

**Wapato, Wash.** Now is the time for you to get in and do your bit toward getting a preacher in this heathen country—Washington—where the real Gospel has never been preached. We are not able to send for a preacher but of course we will help. God has people in this country who are hungry for the Word of God.—Mrs. Gertie Shores, Route 1.

**Haskell, Tex.** Wife and I are at this place in meeting. The old-time power has just begun to fall. Six have been saved two have received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, the saints have been wonderfully revived and all are earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. We are looking for the soon coming of Jesus.—Oscar Jones.

**Sparks, Okla.** The Lord is working in and around Sparks in answer to much prayer. Brother Long held a fifteen-day meeting at Union Church, two and one-half miles west of Sparks and twenty-eight (28) were saved and about fourteen (14) received the baptism. Let all the saints pray for this place for there are many unsaved here yet.—E. Vuncannon.

**Toronto, Canada.** Mrs Peirce and I have been laboring here in connection with Bros. Argue and Urshan and God is wonderfully blessing. In the six weeks that the meetings have been running, nearly, if not quite, one hundred have been baptized in the Spirit, many saved and many others healed. Some have been saved, healed and blessedly baptized in the same meeting. It is "truly wonderful what the Lord hath done. Glory to His name." We are praying that the whole city may be shaken before long and that a wonderful revival may continue till Jesus comes. Hallelujah! We are also praying for a wide spread revival and are expecting to hear of wonderful showers, storms, yes even of floods of the outpouring of the Spirit.—W. C. Peirce, 56 Roberts St., Toronto, Ontario.

**Clanton, Ala.** We have just closed a ten days arbor meeting, six miles below town. The Lord greatly blessed, although the enemy worked hard against us. Between five and ten were gloriously saved and many others convinced. We have come to town here to start a tent meeting June 20th. Prospects are good for a revival. We will be here for several days, the Lord willing.—Evang. L. Wooten and wife.

**Belton, Tex.** I reside at Belton, Tex., but have an assembly at Beerock, ten miles north. I held a meeting out there and the Lord gave us seventeen baptized in the Holy Ghost and twenty-one converts in twenty-one nights meeting. The Lord has added several since we are organized on the Scriptures, and we want to unite with the General Council. Greetings to all the saints everywhere.—G. W. Tweedle.

**Albion, Mich.** I stayed a few days in Granite City, Ill., with Bro. and Sister George W. Lawson. I found them going on with the Lord. They have a nice, little, live band of saints and prospects looked good for a real ingathering of souls this year. One little girl gave God her heart while I was there.

I am at Albion, Mich., and the dear Lord is blessing. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family.—Jacob Miller.

**Sand Springs, Okla.** Just closed a meeting here. God was with us in power, saving, healing and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. Fifty were saved and reclaimed. Twenty-three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Thirty baptized in water (Matth. 28:19). Deep conviction on sinners. Bro. Jamieson came over from Tulsa and set the assembly in order.—C. M. Riggs, Jenny Lind, Ark.

**Winnipeg, Manitoba.** — Evangelist Fred Lohmann, whose successful campaign has closed here, has returned to his home in Malvern, Ark. His ministry with us was a sweeping victory and his presence in our midst a great blessing to our people.

We are now in the eighth month of a great revival and are advertising a sixth campaign, conducted by Brothers Garr and Black of Los Angeles, Cal.

Our altar services are large—an intense revival spirit is greatly in evidence. We are purchasing a new tent, 50x90 feet, this week and have secured a central location where we can influence a large number of people which we could not otherwise reach. An intercessory band meets early each morning praying for the success of this effort.

Our unity, spirit of love for the lost, and general equipment is very promising for the reception of a copious outpouring of Pentecost upon this hungry city. We are thankful for this spiritual visitation now upon us. Please continue to pray for Winnipeg.

Orville Benham, Acting Pastor.

# The Evangel Prayer Band

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Please pray for me.—J. C. H., Boyd, Texas.

Pray for a sister in Hatfield, Ind., to be healed of indigestion.

Pray for a wife and daughter who are blind to the truth.—J. L. P.

Please pray for me and my house.—Mrs. M. D. W., Charleston, W. Va.

Pray that God will work in a mighty way in Burlingame and that souls will be saved.

Please pray for us that the Lord will use us in winning souls for Him.—E. F., Anna, Ill.

Pray for two boys at Prosperity, Mo., that they will return to God before it is too late.

Please pray for me and my unconverted husband and children.—Mrs. C. H. B., Ganado, Texas.

Pray that God will give us a revival here. Souls are convicted but refuse to yield.—S. H., Hinton, Okla.

Please pray for two backslidden young men who seem to have a desire to be saved but are afraid to trust His grace.

Pray for us. We are in a meeting—much opposition and unbelief. Our precious Lord baptized one last night.—H. B. L., Nickelsville, Va.

Pray for my husband who has been ill for five months with disease of the spinal column—awful pain.—Mrs. D. C., Monroe City, Mo.

I request prayers for my wife who is afflicted with cancer and that she may be filled with the Spirit to her heart's satisfaction.—F. H. A., Arden, Ark.

A brother who has conscientious objections to the taking of life, desires prayer that God will lead him very definitely should he be chosen for service in the war.

My mother-in-law is real sick. I ask all to join in prayer for her healing. I am still afflicted and my husband is sick with rheumatism. Pray for us.—Mrs. G. S., Wapato, Wash.

Pray that the Lord may use me to His own glory in saving souls. I am a youth of 20 years. Also pray that God will heal my ears and give me perfect healing.—W. D. V., Mansfield, Tex.

Please pray for the salvation of my mother and father and rest of family; for the healing of a sister who is an epileptic and the salvation and healing of a friend who has tuberculosis.—J. H. Short, Jr.

Pray for me, and my four children, three sons and one daughter who are out of Christ, that they may speedily be converted and brought into the fold before it is too late.—Mrs. J. D. G., Lunde, Alta, Can.

All the saints please pray for the healing of our little babe who has terrible intestinal trouble, and also for the healing of a little boy friend who is insane, caused from hook worms. Please don't pass this request by.—Mrs. S. N. Van Winkle, Tex.

My grandmother, who has had a cough for several years and who has tried all kinds of medicine and is not relieved, asks the prayers of the Evangel Family for her healing, also that she may receive the promise of the Father.—C. M. C., Shongaloo, La.

Pray for my married sister who lost one of her babies and has not turned to the Lord. Pray for the Lord to take the tobacco habit from my father. Pray for mother to get stronger in the Lord. Pray for a minister to come and preach the Gospel here. Pray that my brother will not have to go to war.—Miss R. L. S., San Antonio, Texas.

## PORTLAND, ORE., CAMP MEETING.

To begin July 1st

The fifth annual camp meeting will be held in the beautiful grove located at Anabel Station, on the Mt. Stott car line. All communications should be addressed to Pastor Will C. Trotter, 212 E. 30th St., Portland, Ore.

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Fuxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.

The first camp meeting for this section held at Fuxico was wonderfully blessed of God. It is expected that the camp meeting this year shall be equally blessed. Arrange to come. Full announcement later.

## FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 9th.

The first day will be devotional. The roster will be made up Monday morning, September 10th, at 9 a. m. Everyone is urged to be present on time preferably for the first service on Sunday, the 9th.

## CAMP MEETING CALLED OFF.

Camp meeting announced for Scranton, Pa., will be called off owing to circumstances which make it impossible to proceed.

In place of the camp meeting the assembly have decided to purchase a Gospel tent and spend the remaining months in a vigorous tent campaign in the several districts of the work in this location.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

## GREAT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 13th.

All the leading missionaries in the homeland are expected to be present.

All the leaders of missionary centers are being invited, as well as everyone else who is interested in missionary work.

The time has come for a forward move in the Pentecostal movement, in which every branch of the movement should participate. Pray for this great gathering and don't forget the date.

New Castle, Pa. Second Annual Pentecostal Campmeeting will be held D. V. at the City Park, or what is known as Cunningham's Woods, from August 3rd to August 19th inclusive. Pastors D. W. Kerr

of Cleveland, O., John Coxe of Wilmington, Del., Robt. A. Brown and wife of New York City, J. T. Boddy of Youngstown, O., Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburg, Pa., and local workers and a number of returned missionaries expected. For further particulars write Pastor Thos. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkingsburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New Castle, Pa.

## SECOND ANNUAL CAMP FOR SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI

will be held in convention form in Springfield, Mo., August 15-19, 1917. The morning services, August 15-16-17 will be especially for ministers, workers, elders and deacons. Bro. J. W. Welch will have the afternoon services and Bro. A. T. Rape the night services. This is the sole place of ordination in this section this year. Rooms for visitors free, but each is expected to board himself.—B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

## CAMP MEETING FOR EAST.

The Interstate Camp Meeting for the East will convene at or near Frostburgh, Md., this year. Frostburgh is 2800 feet above the sea level. Our date will be August 5th to August 26th. August being generally a very hot month, we use this date, when people can come and enjoy our delightful climate, and cool breezes, and enjoy a convocation with God's people. Our motto will be others.

For further information concerning this event, write Fred Baltau, Frostburgh, Md. Some of the interested pastors are J. R. Reckley, Cumberland, Md.; Richard Hawkins, Frostburgh, Md.; C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Md.; Oliver P. Brann, Westernport, Md.; Foster E. Young, Kitsonville, Md.; and R. A. McCauley, Grantsville, Md.—Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md., in charge.

## NOTICES.

Forrester, Okla. A few saints are still holding to Gods promises at Forrester. We haven't a pastor, so any Spirit-filled, well-recommended preacher coming this way is invited to stop off.—R. K. Parker.

## OPEN FOR TENT ENGAGEMENT.

I have a large tent and will be open for next engagement July 5th. Anyone desiring tent meetings, communicate with R. A. Fredricks, pastor, home address Lansford, Minn., box 73. Present address is Campbell, Minn., care C. J. Seba until July 5th.

## PENTECOSTAL WORKERS WANTED.

We desire very much your prayers for a special blessing on our church and the Methodist Church here in our neighborhood. We are Presbyterians but believe in the old-time religion and would be glad to have some of the Apostolic faith people hold a meeting in reach of us.—F. H. Allen, Arden, Ark.

## TENT MEETING AT PAWHUSKA, OKLA.

Bro. Alonzo Horn of Davenport, Okla., will lead a special campaign in a large tent in Pawhuska, Okla., beginning Sunday, June 24th. Pray earnestly that the Lord will visit this place with a mighty revival. Pray that the church may be revived and souls saved and baptized in the Spirit.—Thos. J. O'Neal, Pastor.

Ozark, Ala., Tent Meeting to begin at Barnes Cross Roads July 15th. Bro. Duhose and Hardwick in charge. You are invited. Run on free-will offering plan. Also tent meeting begins August 1st at Ozark, Ala. Send your names and offering to J. O. Barnes or W. R. Carmichael, Ozark, Ala. We are praying for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God.—W. R. Carmichael, box 283, Ozark, Ala.

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Midway, Texas. Camp Meeting will be held here, D. V., beginning July 13th. Everybody is invited.—Pastor J. H. Polk.

## ARCADIA, KANS., CAMP MEETING.

July 13th to 22nd.

Camp will be in charge of B. F. Lawrence. We will take care of all who wish to come. For further information write J. W. Sappington, Arcadia, Kans., box 115.

## OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING.

Tulsa, Okla., August 10th to 26th.

The Oklahoma State Camp meeting will be held at Tulsa, Okla., from August 10th to 26th, inclusive. For further information address S. A. Jamieson, Tulsa, Okla.

## DISTRICT CAMP MEETING FOR EAST TEXAS.

At Frankston, Texas, July 27 to Aug. 12.

All workers in East Texas are called to camp with the saints at Frankston, Texas, July 27th to Aug. 12th.

Will all the saints please come? Plenty of common food, and all the visitors will find a warm welcome with us. Bro. Arch P. Collins will be present to give the teaching. The meeting is to draw all ministers closer, and to save the lost. All who expect to come may first write, W. A. Winkels, Frankston, Texas.

**HOW DISTURBING ISSUES AFFECT THE MISSION FIELD.**

A letter has been received from China recently describing the effect violent changes in doctrine have on the native converts. We quote from this letter as follows:

"In a sneaky way they got in here a little over a year ago. Even the missionaries were deceived but got their eyes open shortly afterward. But alas, they were unable to do much as the Chinese had seen them accept the teaching and when they afterward confessed it was a mistake, the Chinese lost a great deal of their confidence. The evil seed sprang up and bore fruit and the fruit was strife, envy, hatred. The people all lost what power they had, and instead of preaching salvation, they started to preach their issues to all they met. At last there was none but the preacher left in the meetings. Such was the condition of things I found this work in when I arrived, not knowing anything about the trouble.

"If it had not been for the definite call gave me to this place, I should have left long ago. But God had told me to stay and I dared not move. Then the work was turned over into my hands and I asked the Lord to give me wisdom and show me how to work, and to send me help, and He did.

"Now, after nine months hard work, I can report great, yes complete, victory. The people are coming back to the meetings and souls have been brought to the cross and several are seeking the Holy Ghost. Such are the Lord's doings and they are marvelous in our eyes. Pray for us that God will continue to work."

**SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS.**

On the 7th day of May, as I was coming home from the town of Galatia, Ill., between three and four o'clock, I noticed a dark cloud rising in the west. As I was watching it I thought we were going to get wet before we reached home. As I continued looking steadfastly at the cloud a white one appeared behind it; and as I continued looking I saw, in the white cloud, the form of a man. It soon became as plain as any picture I have ever seen of my blessed Lord. It remained so for a time and then it changed and I saw Him with the heavy cross under His arm. Then it changed again and I saw Him in the garden of Gethsemane. Then it changed again to a host with bugles which finally disappeared.

How my heart longed to tell the lost that the Lord is at hand. Dear reader, if you are saved, pray and hold on to God until He sends His Son; and if you are not saved, take warning and flee the wrath to come. Who will be able to stand that awful day?

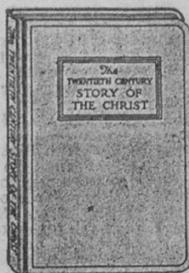
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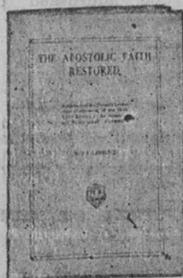
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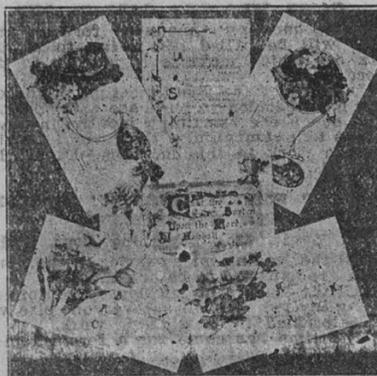
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